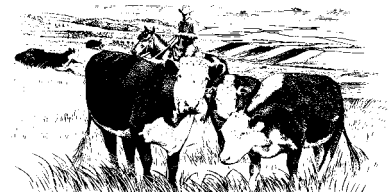


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## CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 495 thousand head on October 1, 2002, 1 percent above last month and 6 percent above October 2001. During September, placements of 60.0 thousand head were up 28 percent from the previous year. Marketings of 52.0 thousand head were 6 percent above September of 2001. Other disappearance totaled 3.00 thousand head.

## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 6 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for 1,000+ head capacity feedlots totaled 10.4 million head on October 1, 2002. The inventory was 6 percent below October 1, 2001 and 5 percent below October 1, 2000. The inventory included 6.26 million steers and steer calves, down 6 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 60 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.08 million head, down 8 percent from 2001.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.19 million, 2 percent above 2001, but 19 percent below 2000. Net placements were 2.14 million. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 614 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 487 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 582 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 505 thousand. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.85 million, 1 percent above 2001, but 7 percent below 2000. Other disappearance totaled 53.0 thousand during September, 15 percent above 2001, but 2 percent below 2000.

## CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 5 PERCENT IN HISTORIC SEVEN MONTHLY STATES

Cattle on feed in the historic seven states for 1,000+ head capacity feedlots totaled 9.09 million on October 1, 2002, down 5 percent from the previous year and 4 percent below October 1, 2000. The inventory included 5.41 million steers and steer calves, down 5 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 60 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.62 million head, down 7 percent from 2001. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 1.85 million, 2 percent above 2001, but 19 percent below 2000. Marketings during September totaled 1.57 million, 2 percent above 2001, but 8 percent below 2000. Other disappearance during September was 45.0 thousand head, 13 percent above 2001, but 6 percent below 2000.

## CATTLE AND CALVES: NUMBER ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS IN SEVEN SELECTED STATES

State	Number On Feed September 1 <sup>1/</sup>			Placed During September		Marketed During September	
	2001	2002	2002/2001	2001	2002	2001	2002
	1,000 Head						
Arizona	293	285	97	33	30	27	26
California	470	490	104	47	60	49	52
Colorado	1,010	1,000	99	265	255	210	220
Iowa	310	310	100	66	68	65	62
Kansas	2,490	2,230	90	470	460	410	400
Nebraska	1,820	1,850	102	450	450	315	335
Texas	2,990	2,680	90	480	530	465	470
Seven-State Total	9,383	8,845	94	1,811	1,853	1,541	1,565
State	Other Disappearance During September 2/		Number On Feed October 1		2002/2001		
	2001	2002	2001	2002			
	1,000 Head					Percent	
Arizona	1	1	298	288	97		
California	3	3	465	495	106		
Colorado	5	5	1,060	1,030	97		
Iowa	1	1	310	315	102		
Kansas	10	10	2,540	2,280	90		
Nebraska	5	5	1,950	1,960	101		
Texas	15	20	2,990	2,720	91		
Seven-State Total	40	45	9,613	9,088	95		

<sup>1/</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fed for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates, and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

### CALIFORNIA MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 2.87 billion pounds of milk in September 2002. This was 4 percent below August 2002, but 6 percent above September 2001.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,735 pounds, 75 pounds less than August 2002, but 45 pounds more than a year ago.

### CALIFORNIA MILK PRODUCTION

Month	CALIFORNIA						Total Milk Receipts <u>1/</u>		UNITED STATES 2/ 3/					
	Milk Cows		Milk Per Cow		Milk Production				Milk Cows		Milk Per Cow		Milk Production	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds				1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds	
Jan.	1,563	1,622	1,760	1,765	2,751	2,863	2,748	2,832	7,784	7,745	1,549	1,585	12,059	12,272
Feb.	1,568	1,626	1,615	1,620	2,532	2,634	2,526	2,630	7,764	7,744	1,431	1,468	11,108	11,365
Mar.	1,572	1,631	1,790	1,825	2,814	2,977	2,807	2,982	7,743	7,744	1,599	1,649	12,384	12,771
Apr.	1,576	1,636	1,770	1,795	2,790	2,937	2,784	2,933	7,740	7,754	1,571	1,619	12,156	12,555
May	1,582	1,640	1,825	1,875	2,887	3,075	2,883	3,070	7,749	7,764	1,632	1,677	12,647	13,021
June	1,587	1,645	1,755	1,800	2,785	2,961	2,781	2,960	7,751	7,779	1,555	1,583	12,052	12,315
July	1,592	1,647	1,770	1,810	2,818	2,981	2,813	2,977	7,746	7,783	1,552	1,581	12,025	12,306
Aug.	1,598	1,652	1,765	1,810	2,820	2,990	2,814	2,985	7,735	7,790	1,520	1,570	11,754	12,232
Sept.	1,604	1,655	1,690	1,735	2,711	2,871	2,705		7,730	7,786	1,472	1,510	11,376	11,754
Oct.	1,609		1,745		2,808		2,800		7,726		1,522		11,756	
Nov.	1,614		1,685		2,720		2,716		7,739		1,485		11,492	
Dec.	1,618		1,740		2,815		2,808		7,750		1,549		12,008	

<sup>1/</sup> Milk receipts from California Department of Food and Agriculture, Dairy Marketing and Milk Pooling Branches. Excludes on-farm usage.

<sup>2/</sup> Twenty-state total.

<sup>3/</sup> Revised 2002 data.

### U.S. HOG INVENTORY UP 1 PERCENT

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2002 was 60.2 million head. This was 1 percent above September 1, 2001 and slightly above June 1, 2002.

Breeding inventory, at 6.05 million head, was down 2 percent from both September 1, 2001 and last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 54.2 million head, was 1 percent above last year and slightly above last quarter.

The June-August 2002 U.S. pig crop, at 25.1 million head, was 2 percent less than both 2001 and 2000. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.83 million head, 2 percent below last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 46 percent of the breeding herd. The average number of pigs saved per litter was 8.87 for the June-August 2002 period, unchanged from last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.60 for operations with 1-99 hogs, to 9.00 for operations with more than 5.00 thousand hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.82 million sows farrow during the September-November 2002 quarter, 2 percent below the actual farrowings during the same period in 2001 and 1 percent below 2000. Intended farrowings for December 2002-February 2003, at 2.81 million sows, are 1 percent below the same period in 2002, but up 2 percent from 2001.

The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5.00 thousand head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 35 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, unchanged from last year.

**Revisions:** All inventory and pig crop estimates for September 2001 through June 2002 were reviewed using the final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, import, and export data in U.S. level balance sheets. Based on the findings of this review, adjustments of less than 1 percent were made to the inventory level for March 1, 2002 and June 1, 2002. An adjustment of less than one-half percent was made to the December 2001-February 2002 pig crop.

### U.S. HOG AND PIG INVENTORY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2000-02

Item	2000	2001	2002	2002/2000	2002/2001
	1,000 Head			Percent	
<b>September 1 Inventory</b>					
All Hogs And Pigs	59,495	59,777	60,220	101	101
Kept For Breeding	6,246	6,158	6,054	97	98
Market	53,250	53,619	54,165	102	101
<b>Market Hogs and Pigs by Weight Groups</b>					
Under 60 Pounds	19,955	19,911	19,684	99	99
60-119 Pounds	13,055	13,438	13,409	103	100
120-179 Pounds	10,817	10,854	11,146	103	103
180 Pounds And Over	9,422	9,417	9,926	105	105

## CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during September 2002 totaled 113.3 million pounds (dressed weight), down 3 percent from last month, but 27 percent above September 2001. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In September 2002, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,280 pounds; calves 135 pounds; and hogs 230 pounds.

### U.S. MONTHLY RECORD-HIGH FOR PORK PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.87 billion pounds in September, up 6 percent from the 3.67 billion pounds produced in September 2001.

September 2001 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays. September 2002 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.20 billion pounds, was 4 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.86 million head, up 2 percent from September 2001. The average live weight was 1,264 pounds, up 24 pounds from September a year ago.

Veal production totaled 16.3 million pounds, 9 percent above September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 88.8 thousand head, up 13 percent from September 2001. The average live weight, at 303 pounds, was down 11 pounds from the previous year.

Pork production totaled 1.64 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the previous year and a monthly record-high. Hog kill totaled 8.51 million head, 9 percent above September 2001. The average live weight was 260 pounds, down 2 pounds from September a year ago.

Lamb and mutton production, at 17.6 million pounds, was up 8 percent from September 2001. Sheep slaughter totaled 276.2 thousand head, 13 percent above last year. The average live weight was 128 pounds, down 7 pounds from September a year ago.

January - September red meat production was 35.0 billion pounds, 4 percent above the previous year. Accumulated beef production was up 5 percent from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was up 4 percent, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

### COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, SEPTEMBER 2000-01 <sup>1/</sup>

Class and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
<b>CATTLE</b>						
California	84.6	109.4	107,403	140,038	1,270	1,280
U.S. Total	2,808.1	2,864.8	3,482,194	3,619,859	1,240	1,264
<b>CALVES</b>						
California	8.6	10.2	1,349	1,380	157	135
U.S. Total	78.8	88.8	24,712	26,936	314	303
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Total	244.3	276.2	32,999	35,337	135	128
<b>HOGS</b>						
California	184.0	206.9	41,002	47,515	223	230
U.S. Total	7,812.4	8,505.8	2,045,995	2,215,646	262	260
<b>RED MEAT</b>	September 2001	August 2002	September 2002	Sept. 02 Sept. 01	Sept. 02 Aug. 02	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	89.1	117.4	113.3	127	97	
U.S. Total	3,665.7	4,139.9	3,873.2	106	94	

<sup>1/</sup> Farm slaughter excluded.

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### FARM PRICES: AVERAGE PRICE RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND U.S. <sup>1/</sup>

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		Sept. 2001	Aug. 2002	Sept. 15, 2002	Sept. 2001	Aug. 2002	Sept. 15, 2002
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled <sup>2/</sup>	Ton	121.00	88.00	88.00	99.00	93.70	95.50
Alfalfa, Baled <sup>2/</sup>	Ton	125.00	90.00	92.00	108.00	101.00	102.00
Hogs <sup>2/ 3/</sup>	Cwt.	---	---	---	45.20	31.90	26.50
Cows <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt.	38.50	35.00	33.50	40.80	36.40	35.40
Steers and Heifers <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt.	71.00	65.00	66.50	72.10	67.10	67.60
Calves <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt.	90.00	79.00	80.50	107.00	94.40	93.00
Sheep <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt.	28.50	29.50	---	29.90	26.40	---
Lambs <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt.	56.00	73.50	---	52.50	75.00	---
Milk Cows <sup>4/</sup>	Head	---	---	---	---	---	---
All Milk Wholesale <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt.	16.07	10.40	10.40	17.10	11.30	11.50

<sup>1/</sup> The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

<sup>2/</sup> Previous month revised to monthly average.

<sup>3/</sup> Prices include barrows, gilts, and sows.

<sup>4/</sup> Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.